

STATEWIDE RFA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CALLS
MEETING MINUTES

August 1, 2018

Time: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Location: Conference Call

Call-In: 877-873-8017 Code: 5396369

County TA Questions	CDSS Response	Action Item
1) A Resource Family had a child (not a ward) in home at the time of the approval, but the child has since turned 18. Does this 18 year old have to go through the full background check now or does the county wait for the annual update?	All adults residing or regularly present in the home are subject to a background check and the County must complete the background check when the youth turns 18 and not wait until the annual update.	
2) Will there be any changes regarding conversions?	SB 1083, sponsored by the Alliance for Children's Rights, contains language to extend the conversion deadline to Dec. 31, 2020. As it is not yet chaptered, we cannot provide any guidance on this.	
3) When will the Adoptions ACL be released?	A draft for stakeholder review will be released soon. Approximate time frame for release is 6 weeks.	
4) When is the ACL for portability going to be released?	The ACL is currently on hold for legal to review privacy laws regarding sharing of information between a public and private agency. Please refer to H&S code 1517.5 and W&I code 16519.5 for guidance for portability.	
5) The BAG states that if an applicant has an active warrant or arrest only that the reviewing agency may cease processing. What does cease mean?	This means that the county can put the review on "hold" while the criminal case is pending. The cease should not be considered a denial that triggers due process procedures unless the county obtained independent evidence to support a denial and will be issuing a NOA (BAG section 113).	
6) Do all respite care providers have to go through RFA process?	An ACL has been pending regarding respite care. Please refer to W&I Code 16501.01 for guidance on approving respite care providers.	
7) Who do we notify of changes in RFA POC?	Email the RFA inbox (rfa@dss.ca.gov) to update the POC.	
8) If update is done for a significant change, does this reset the annual date? Do we have to go through RFA 06 or just the RFA 03?	Refer to Section 9-04: RFA 03 and an update to the written report (RFA 06 or equivalent) is required. Counties can add dates to RFA 05A or equivalent if needed for eligibility. The RFA 05A is not a required form, and counties can create their own certificate. CDSS working with eligibility	

	regarding the interpretation of Written Directives as the Resource Family maintains approval unless the County rescinds the approval or the Resource Family surrenders their approval.	
9) If an annual update is done 30 days past, do we use this date or original approval date?	Section 9-02 (e) of the Written Directives explains for annual updates, a completed update shall begin a new annual period. This is for county tracking purposes. CDSS is currently working to bridge any gaps with eligibility and their need for a new date. The RFA 05A is being revised to include the dates of updates, but counties are able to add dates to the certificates if needed for eligibility.	
10) Are there any discussions about not requiring annual updates for every home such as with Licensing?	There are currently no discussions on this issue. This would require statutory changes.	

Updates:

- **RFA convening October 15 & 16 in Sacramento. Flyer was sent to POCs. Registration is required.**
- **CFL 18/19-03- Emergency Caregiver Funding claiming instructions**
- **RFA 03- Still being revised. Hope to have it out in next few weeks.**
- **Summer TARFAs have been rescheduled for Oct/Nov.**

Next Meeting:

- **September 5, 2018 at 1:30 pm. Phone: 1-877-873-8017 code: 5396369**